



Key Messages About the Monument Planning Process

Does the Angeles National Forest Land Management Plan need to change because of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument designation?

- ▶ Yes. By comparing the current management direction in the Angeles Forest Plan with the Monument Proclamation, Forest managers determined that the direction in the current Angeles Forest Plan needs some changes to be consistent with the direction in the Monument Proclamation.
- ▶ Why? Before the proclamation, the 2006 Angeles National Forest Land Management Plan (Angeles Forest Plan) provided management direction for lands and resources within the boundaries of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument area (the Monument). The 2014 Presidential Proclamation that created the Monument requires a management plan to provide for protecting and interpreting the scientific and historic objects within the Monument and for continued public access to those objects, consistent with their protection.

What will change?

- ▶ Management direction in the current Angeles Forest Plan will be changed to be consistent with the direction in the proclamation.
- ▶ These changes will be achieved through a Forest Plan amendment under the 2012 Planning Rule and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A Forest Service planning team anticipates preparing an environmental assessment, and will ensure ample opportunities for the public to be involved throughout the process. Once completed, the Forest Plan amendment will be the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Management Plan.
- ▶ Any new management direction that is part of the Forest Plan amendment/Monument Management Plan applies only to National Forest System (NFS) lands within the Monument. Those NFS lands outside the Monument will continue to be managed according to current direction in the Angeles Forest Plan.
- ▶ The Monument Management Plan is not a Forest Plan revision. A Forest Plan revision is a different process than an amendment.



Photo: Kids fishing at Crystal lake.



Are major changes needed?

- ▶ No. So far, planners have identified just a few areas in the Angeles Forest Plan that may need to be amended for consistency with the proclamation. Those Forest Plan components are primarily found in Part 2 of the Angeles Forest Plan (the Strategy).

What areas will need to change?

- ▶ **Transportation:** The proclamation requires the development of a new transportation management plan for the Monument that focuses on protecting those objects of historic and scientific interest identified by the President.
- ▶ **Land Use Zones:** Some land use zones identified in the Forest Plan need to be updated to reflect new wilderness designations and other relevant and overlapping designations such as the Pacific Crest Trail, San Dimas, etc., that have taken place since the Forest Plan was adopted.
- ▶ **Minerals/Mining:** Forest Plan direction needs revision to reflect the mineral withdrawal of lands within the Monument as directed by the proclamation. Existing claims will still be honored.
- ▶ **Recreation:** Forest plan direction will need to be revised to ensure that recreation settings, opportunities and access are managed to meet public expectations while minimizing resource concerns associated with high public use and limited facilities. The monument management plan and associated forest plan direction will provide a framework for making ecologically, economically and socially sustainable recreation management decisions.

What do you think?

- ▶ Let us know what you think of our approach to developing the Monument Management Plan via an Angeles Forest Plan amendment along with our preliminary “Need to Change” analysis documentation.
- ▶ We anticipate that the public scoping period will begin in mid-June , 2015, and last for 45 days. If you are interested in reviewing and providing input on the more comprehensive draft Need to Change analysis during the public scoping period, it will be available on our website in early June. We will also hold public meetings during the scoping period to provide more information and answer your questions.
- ▶ Share your ideas and help us develop a Monument Management Plan that will protect this unique place and serve the needs of present and future generations.
- ▶ For further information regarding this project or how to comment on the draft Need to Change analysis and information about the Monument visit our website <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/sgmnm>

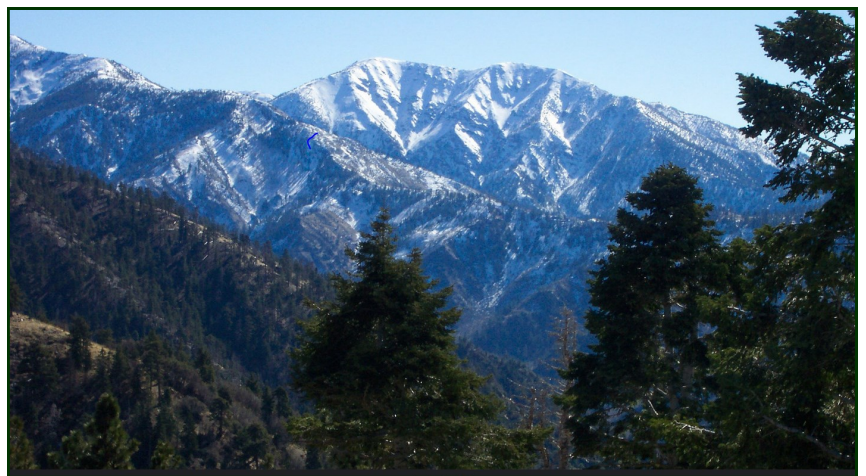


Photo: Mt. Baldy from Inspiration Point located within the Monument.

Planning Milestones Completed:

- ▶ **October 2014:** President Obama designated San Gabriel Mountains National Monument (the Monument) and Forest Service began formulating a strategy for developing a Monument management plan, associated staffing and budgets, and public engagement.
- ▶ **November-December 2014:** National Forest Foundation formed a small working group to identify potential members of the public interested in the Monument and willing to participate as part of a collaborative group (referred to as “the Collaborative”).

- ▶ **January-February 2015:** Forest Service developed the first draft Project Management Plan and first draft Public Involvement Plan to guide development of the Monument Management Plan, via an environmental assessment and an Angeles National Forest Plan amendment
- ▶ **April-May 2015:** Public Involvement Plan finalized and Project Management Plan revised to ensure consistency, and assignment of all team members and their roles. Public outreach materials developed and initial public scoping meeting preparations began.

Upcoming Milestones:

- ▶ **June 2015:** Forest Service initiates a 45-day public scoping period to gather input on the strategy for developing the Monument Management Plan and the draft Need to Change analysis. Angeles National Forest hosts five public meetings in late June to share information and gather input.
- ▶ **Summer 2015-Winter 2016:** Forest Service synthesizes and uses public scoping comments to finalize Need to Change analysis and prepare draft Forest Plan amendment/Monument Management Plan, and its associated environmental assessment.
- ▶ **Spring 2016:** Forest Service initiates a 45-day public comment period on draft Forest Plan amendment/Monument Management Plan and associated environmental assessment, and hosts a series of public meetings to share information and gather input.
- ▶ **Spring-Summer 2016:** Forest Service synthesizes and uses public comments on draft documents to prepare final Forest Plan amendment/Monument Management Plan, final environmental assessment, and draft Decision Notice.
- ▶ **Summer 2016:** Forest Service initiates a 45-day objection period on the draft Decision Notice and associated final Forest Plan amendment/Monument Management Plan and final environmental assessment.
- ▶ **Summer-Fall 2016:** Forest Service considers any objections received and hosts objection resolution meetings, as needed. Forest Service revises documents as needed based on objection resolution.
- ▶ **Winter-Spring 2017:** Forest Service issues final Decision Notice and final Monument Management Plan and begins implementation.



Photo: Mt. Wilson Observatory, within the Monument.

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